

W I L L I A M HAWKINS ^ junior ^  
Esq., Governor of  
Plymouth,

*Letter to the Privy Council ^ in  
the night of  
^the 22nd January ^ i\$6g\_y  
advising of  
the arrival at Plymouth that  
night\_y  
Of FRANCIS **DRAKE**)  
in the Judith,*

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[At the time, WILLIAM HAWKINS was writing this letter, his brother JOHN was sailing homewards in the *Minion*, from Vigo to Mount's Bay in Cornwall: see pp. 211, 225.]

RIGHT HONOURABLE, AND MY SINGULAR GOOD  
LORDS.



MY BOUNDEN duty always had in remembrance. It may please your Honours to be advertised that there is, this present night, arrived into the port of Plymouth, one of the small barks [*the Judith*] of my brother JOHN HAWKINS' Fleet, from the Indias; and for that I have neither writing from him, nor anything else, I thought good, and my most bounden duty so to do, to send [to] your Honours, the Captain of the same bark, to the end the Queen's Majesty may be, by your Honours, thoroughly advertised of the whole proceedings of this Voyage.

And for that my brother's safe return is very dangerous and doubtful, but that it resteth in GOD's hands (who send him well, if it be His blessed will!); and our adventures [*i.e., of the two brothers' HAWKINS*], at this present time, £2,000 [= *about* £16,000 *now*] : besides many injuries we